

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) An above ground propane storage tank covering device, said device comprising:

5 a first end wall, a second end wall and a peripheral wall extending between and being attached to said first and second end walls, said first end wall, said second end wall and said peripheral wall comprising a flexible material, said peripheral wall having a bottom opening therein, said bottom opening being elongated and generally extending from said first end wall to said second end wall, said peripheral wall having a top opening therein, said top opening being positioned opposite of said bottom opening, said top opening being generally centrally located between said first and second end walls; and

10 a covering for selectively positioning over and closing said top opening, said covering including a top wall and a perimeter wall being attached to and extending downwardly from said top wall, a fastening assembly removably fastens said perimeter wall to an edge of said top opening.

15 2. (original) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 1, wherein said first and second end walls each have a generally circular shape.

20 3. (original) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 2, wherein each of said first and second end walls have a diameter generally between three feet and five feet.

25 4. (original) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 3, wherein said peripheral wall has a length from said first end wall to said second end wall generally between seven feet and ten feet.

5. (original) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 1, wherein said bottom opening has a generally rectangular shape and having a length greater than five feet and a width generally between two feet and four feet.

5 6. (original) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 1, wherein said top opening has a size and shape for selectively receiving a gauge and filling point of the propane storage tank.

10 7. (original) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 1, further including a resiliently elastic member being attached to and extending along a length of a peripheral edge of said bottom opening.

Claims 8 and 9 (cancelled)

15 10. (original) An above ground propane storage tank covering device, said device comprising:

20 a first end wall, a second end wall and a peripheral wall extending between and being attached to said first and second end walls, said first end wall, said second end wall and said peripheral wall comprising a flexible material, said peripheral wall having a bottom opening therein, said bottom opening being elongated and generally extending from said first end wall to said second end wall, said peripheral wall having a top opening therein, said top opening being positioned opposite of said bottom opening, said top opening being generally centrally located between said first and second end walls, said first and second end walls each having a generally circular shape, each of said first and second end walls having a diameter generally between three feet and five feet, said peripheral wall having a length from said first end wall to said second end wall generally between seven feet and ten feet, said bottom opening having a generally rectangular shape and having a length greater than five feet and a width generally between two

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feet and four feet, said top opening having a size and shape for selectively receiving a gauge and filling point of the propane storage tank; and a resiliently elastic member being attached to and extending along a length of a peripheral edge of said bottom opening.

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11. (new) An above ground propane storage tank covering device, said device comprising:

a first end wall, a second end wall and a peripheral wall extending between and being attached to said first and second end walls, said first end wall, said second end wall and said peripheral wall comprising a flexible material,
10 said peripheral wall having a bottom opening therein, said bottom opening being elongated and generally extending from said first end wall to said second end wall, said peripheral wall having a top opening therein, said top opening being positioned opposite of said bottom opening, said top opening being generally centrally located between said first and second
15 end walls;
a plurality of grommets being positioned in said peripheral wall adjacent to said bottom opening; and
a plurality of cords being attached to said grommets and extending across said
20 bottom opening.

12. (new) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 11, wherein said first and second end walls each have a generally circular shape.

25 13. (new) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 12, wherein each of said first and second end walls have a diameter generally between three feet and five feet.

30 14. (new) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 13, wherein said peripheral wall has a length from said first end wall to said second end wall generally between seven feet and ten feet.

15. (new) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 11, wherein said bottom opening has a generally rectangular shape and having a length greater than five feet and a width generally between two feet and four feet.

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16. (new) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 11, wherein said top opening has a size and shape for selectively receiving a gauge and filling point of the propane storage tank.

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17. (new) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 11, further including a resiliently elastic member being attached to and extending along a length of a peripheral edge of said bottom opening.

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(new) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim

11, further including a covering for selectively positioning over said top opening.

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19. (new) The above ground propane storage tank covering device of claim 18, wherein said covering includes a top wall and a perimeter wall being attached to and extending downwardly from said top wall, a fastening assembly removably fastens said perimeter wall to an edge of said top opening.